

Frankford Arsenal, Building 252

Northwest corner of Hagner Road and Dearborn Street

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Location: Northwest corner of Hagner Road and Dearborn Street
Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania

Quad: Frankford

Date of Construction: 1884

Significance: Building 252 was erected in 1884 as a storehouse and is associated with the late nineteenth century history of Frankford Arsenal, the U. S. Army's principal supplier of ammunition throughout the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

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HISTORY

Constructed in 1884, on the present site of Building 44, Building 252 originally measured only 160 feet in length and had brick foundations. In 1909, the building was remodeled. In 1918, it was moved to its present location, placed on a concrete foundation, and probably enlarged to its present length of 221 feet. The building was again remodeled in 1924, and repaired in 1945. Its most recent use was as a general purpose warehouse.

DESCRIPTION

Building 252 is a wood frame building, with board and batten walls, on a concrete foundation. The building, which measures approximately 35 feet by 221 feet, has a gabled roof with asbestos shingles and a simple wood cornice. Window openings are rectangular, with wooden trim and nine-over-nine sash. Entries, with two-leaf doors and multiple-light transoms, are located on the north and south facades. The interior is divided into two large open spaces by a brick wall.

SOURCE

John Milner Associates, "Historical and Archeological Survey of Frankford Arsenal" (West Chester, PA: John Milner Associates, (1979).

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